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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Arenberg, et al.

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING  
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS INTO THE INNER EAR

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 8/29/01**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated 08/29/01, making a response due on or before 11/29/01. Applicants request that in view of the following amendments and remarks, the application be reconsidered.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25 are pending, claims 1-19<sup>7-9</sup> are withdrawn from current consideration (but not cancelled), and claims 1-6 and 20-25 are currently rejected.

Applicant is glad to note examiner's agreement that claims 1-6 are generic to all species.